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WASHINGTON LETTER

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, November 28.

It is already apparent that the subject of immigration is to occupy a very prominent place in the deliberations of the coming sessions of Congress. The publications consequent upon the cholera quarantine had the effect of opening the eyes of many to the enormous number of immigrants, many of them of the sort that can by no stretch of the imagination be considered desirable additions to the population, and Senators and Representatives now realize that something must be done, and quickly, if a very troublesome era is to be avoided. It is generally conceded that the present immigration laws, even if strictly enforced, which labor leaders charge is not done, are insufficient.

There are already a number of men in both Senate and House who favor an absolute prohibition of immigration for a stated period of years as the best thing that can be done, and if partisan politics can be kept out of the question it is believed that a bill embodying that idea might become a law; but it will be difficult to keep politics out of the discussion, and already the plank in the last Democratic national platform, which reads, "We condemn and denounce any and all attempts to restrict the immigration of the industrious and worthy of foreign lands," is being used as an argument to prevent Democratic members of the House committing themselves to the support of the prohibitory idea. The Knights of Labor and other bodies of organized labor which have pronounced in favor of the prohibition of immigration will play no small part in the consideration of the matter by Congress, and although they may not succeed in getting a prohibitory law passed, the discussion of the question is certain to result in a betterment of the present law, particularly in regard to what are known as "pauper immigrants" and those who come under contract, actual or implied. It is certainly a question worthy of the deepest study of our best minds, for just as sure as night follows day there is a period beyond which immigration will be a menace to the welfare of the Americans, born or adopted. Whether that period has been reached is what must be decided by Congress. The report of the joint House and Senate Committee which has been investigating this subject will be ready soon after Congress meets and will start the ball to rolling.

The fight over the Anti-Option Bill will be renewed in the Senate as soon as Congress meets, and it will not be surprising if there are some sensational denouncements in connection therewith. The bill is opposed by a minority only, but it is a very determined minority, and as Vice-President Morton is opposed to the adoption of a rule that will shut off debate, it may be able to carry out the threat its members are now openly making of talking the bill to death, in spite of a majority of the Senate being ready to vote for it if given the opportunity. The advance guard of a wealthy lobby from the great commercial exchanges of the large cities is already in Washington prepared to fight the bill with money and the ingenuity of the hired professional lobbyist.

Jerry Simpson is in town, and he has several able-bodied opinions along with him. He is opposed to an extra session of Congress, and he is opposed to the proposed repeal of the ten per cent. tax on the circulation of State banks. He denies that he ever said that the mission of the People's Party was ended and that its members should go into the Democratic Party.

Government officials seem to regard the alleged violation of the Monroe Doctrine by an agent of the French Government who is in charge of the bankrupt Panama Railroad as a greatly exaggerated affair. Still an investigation is being made by the State Department, and, of course, if the Monroe Doctrine has been violated there will be trouble, as this government is bound to live up to that doctrine, even if it leads directly to war.

The White House certainly appears to be getting more than its share of mourning these days. Within a few weeks Mrs. Harrison and two of the prominent official employees of the Executive office have died, and Dr. Scott, the venerable father-in-law of President Harrison, died on Wednesday of this week. He was in his ninety-fourth year and has never been entirely well since his daughter's death, when he insisted upon going to Indianapolis with the remains.

According to the stories told by the Democratic Senators and Representatives now in Washington, the pressure upon them for office has begun early and is something awful for them to contemplate. Still none of them think of resigning on that account.

AT THE CHURCHES.

First Presbyterian.

The Rev. H. W. Ballantine, D. D., pastor. Services to-morrow, Communion of the Lord's Supper at 10.30 A. M. conducted by the pastor. Preaching at 7.30 P. M. by the Rev. R. S. Campbell, D. D., of Newark. Sunday-school at 12 M. Strangers cordially welcomed.

Westminster Presbyterian.

The Rev. Geo. A. Paull, pastor. Sunday services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 M. Young People's prayer meeting at 6.45 P. M. Strangers always welcome. Ushers will show seats.

German Presbyterian.

Sunday services: Preaching by the pastor, the Rev. H. W. Selbert, D. D., at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 2.15 P. M. Prayer meeting, Tuesday at 8 P. M. Young People's Society, Friday, at 8 P. M.

Park Methodist Episcopal.

Rev. R. B. Collins, pastor. 10.30 A. M. Holy Communion and reception of members. 7.30 P. M. Preaching by pastor. Sunday-school at noon. Epworth League Prayer Meeting at 6.45 P. M. Leader R. B. Zabriskie. Strangers always welcome.

Watessing Methodist Episcopal.

9.30 Love feast; 10.30 Lord's supper; 2.30 Sunday-school; 6.45 Epworth League Vesper Service; preaching at 7.30 by the pastor, Rev. Elbert Clement. Subject, "Christ the Judge."

First Baptist Church.

Rev. Charles A. Cook, pastor. Services at 10.30 A. M., 7.30 P. M. Morning subject: "Feasting in the King's Palace." In the evening the Special Evangelistic Services will be continued. Prayer meetings for young men only and for young women only are held in the class rooms at 7 o'clock.

Glen Ridge Congregational.

The Rev. F. J. Goodwin, pastor. Services at 10.30 A. M., and 7.45 P. M. Sunday-school at 3 o'clock. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 7.15 P. M.

Christ Episcopal.

The Rev. Edwin A. White, rector. Litany, Sermon and Celebration of the Holy Communion at 10.30 A. M. Sunday-school choral service in the church at 3 P. M. Evening prayer with sermon at 7.30 P. M. Friday, Evening Prayer, 4 P. M.

Church of the Sacred Heart.

The Rev. J. M. Nardella, pastor. First Mass and sermon, 7.30 A. M. High Mass and sermon, 10.30 A. M. Sunday-school 3 P. M. Vesper service, 7.30 P. M.

Who Will Fire the Salutes?

Scarcely has the smoke of the recent great political battle cleared away and each side carried off its dead and wounded, than the town is again shaken by another great fight of a political nature, which it is feared that it will not be within the power of either tariff reform or protection to allay. The clergy, the lawyers, and the doctors are not in the fight. The contestants are confined to the men in both political parties through whose veins genuine sporting blood runs.

The question at issue is the spending of the annual appropriation made by the people for the purchase of "powder and refreshments" in order that national holidays may be appropriately celebrated with cannonading and cheering. The Bloomfield Republican Battery has long enjoyed a monopoly of the expenditure of this money. The Dickerson Democratic Battery is going to make a move to break the monopoly, and will demand that the appropriation be turned over to them. Their claim is based on the ground that the Democratic party is going to be in control of the national government, and it is but right that a Democratic organization should conduct the public celebration of a national holiday. Both batteries possess a gun, both are fond of refreshments, and both are determined to win in this fight. Money is being put up. The Town Committee will have to decide this momentous question. Some malicious people insinuate that if it were not for the refreshments neither party to the fight would care a fig for the money. These mean people suggest that the Town Committee purchase the powder and divide it between the contending factions with the understanding that they turn their guns on one another.

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